

**CHAPTER 28**

**12-GAUGE SHOTGUN WITH KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILES**

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1. POLICY. For this chapter, all uniformed members of the CHP will be referred to as officer(s).
  - a. It is the policy of the CHP that an officer may discharge the 12-gauge shotgun with kinetic energy projectiles against a human being only under legal authority **and** in accordance with Chapter 1, Use of Force, of this manual.
  - b. During the course of enforcement duties, only officers and sergeants certified by the Department on the 12-gauge shotgun with kinetic energy projectiles shall carry the 12-gauge shotgun with kinetic energy projectiles in their patrol vehicles, as outlined in Highway Patrol Manual (HPM) 70.8, Firearms Manual, Chapter 11, 12-Gauge Shotgun with Kinetic Energy Projectiles. Commanders shall ensure a minimum of one 12-gauge shotgun with kinetic energy projectiles is deployed to the field during every shift.
  - c. Type of Firearm. The only 12-gauge shotgun with kinetic energy projectiles approved for use and furnished by the Department is the Remington Model 870 (pump-action shotgun). The fore-end, stock, and sling shall be a distinctive color of orange, making the shotgun readily recognizable as a 12-gauge shotgun with kinetic energy projectiles firearm.
  - d. Ammunition. Only 12-gauge kinetic energy projectiles rounds issued by this Department are authorized for carrying with or firing from the departmental 12-gauge shotgun with kinetic energy projectiles.
    - (1) **At no time shall lethal ammunition (e.g., 00 buck) be attached to, stored with, or loaded into the 12-gauge shotgun with kinetic energy projectiles.**
    - (2) Departmental 12-gauge shotguns with kinetic energy projectiles shall not be modified in any way except when authorized by the Commissioner and completed by the Department's Gunsmith.
  - e. Officers shall not carry or use the 12-gauge shotgun with kinetic energy projectiles unless they have been trained and certified in its use by departmental instructors as outlined in HPM 70.8, Chapter 11.
  - f. Quarterly Review. The contents of this chapter shall be reviewed by all officers on a quarterly basis.

2. USE OF THE 12-GAUGE SHOTGUN WITH KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILES.

a. The 12-gauge shotgun with kinetic energy projectiles is not intended to replace the officer's primary or supplemental firearm(s), but should be considered an auxiliary firearm used as an extended range impact weapon.

b. The decision of when to use the 12-gauge shotgun with kinetic energy projectiles shall be done in accordance with Chapter 1 of this manual.

c. When tactically appropriate, the proper deployment of the 12-gauge shotgun with kinetic energy projectiles, in accordance with Chapter 1 of this manual, may deescalate a situation involving a hostile/aggressive subject who is keeping officers at a distance through violent acts or the threat of committing violent acts.

3. RULES.

i. If required, medical care shall be administered in accordance with Chapter 1 of this manual.

4. DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING.

a. Refer to Chapter 1 of this manual for requirements related to reporting and documenting a use-of-force incident. Use-of-force incidents shall be documented in accordance with General Order 100.39, CHP 202, Driving Under the Influence Arrest – Investigation Report, and CHP 216, Arrest – Investigation Report; and HPM 100.86, Risk Management Manual, Chapter 3, Reports of Incidents – Use of Force.

b. Usage During Civil Disturbance. If the 12-gauge shotgun with kinetic energy projectiles is utilized during a civil disturbance, refer to HPM 50.6, Special Response Team, Chapter 3, Grenadier Protocols and Procedures, and Chapter 1 of this manual, for post-deployment procedure requirements.

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